

THROUGH A TRESTLE.

A FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Narrow Escape of Engineer and Fireman—A Brave Boy—General News Notes.

(Special Telegram to the Dispatch.)

RALPH, N. C., January 12.—A passenger train of three cars went through a trestle near Hickory, on the Chesapeake and Potomac, yesterday night before last. Rev. Dr. Beall, of Lenoir, Caldwell county, was fatally injured and died yesterday evening. He was a prominent Presbyterian minister. Conductor Waddell was injured, as was also J. E. Wilhelm, of Atlanta, Ga., and a man named Clark of Blowing Rock. The engineer and fireman were caught under the engine and tender, which turned over, but managed to crawl out after having been pinned down for half an hour, and were only slightly hurt. Every passenger was more or less injured. All the cars were completely destroyed. The mail was saved.

Joe Cook and Sol Robinson made their escape from jail at Lexington night before last while the jail was feeding the prisoners. Elias Kinney, a ten-year-old son of the jailer, showed great pluck in attempting to prevent Cook from escaping. He dealt a blow on Cook's forehead with a heavy club of keys which drew blood. Cook struggled with the little fellow and the latter was severely injured.

Master Charles H. Robinson was appointed the following officers of the Grand Lodge of Masons: Grand Chaplain, Wright J. Crawford; Senior Grand Deacon, Alpheus W. Wood; Junior Grand Deacon, Samuel Dutton; Grand Marshal, Francis M. Moyer; Grand Secretary, Albert B. Daugherty; Grand Pursuivant, J. G. Gilbert; Grand Tiler, Robert H. Bradley; Grand Stewards, John W. Thompson and Ira O. Edwards. The Grand Lodge amended its law so as to provide that no one who is charged for non-payment of dues may be reinstated according to such regulations as may be provided by each lodge.

The secretary of the State Board of Agriculture today received the following letter from Congressman E. P. Henderson: "I am assured that funds for the experiment stations will be promptly provided in the urgent deficiency bill. This will be hurried through Congress in a few days." This information is particularly gratifying, and was immediately communicated to the Farmers' State Convention in session at Greensboro. The passage of the bill will give this State last year's allowance of \$15,000, as provided in the Hatch bill, as well as a like sum for the current year.

The report by the penitentiary for the year ending last September, could not get any more than one hundred and forty-five convicts in its walls, nearly all long-term men and of the worst class of criminals. There are over twelve hundred outside of the prison.

The State chemist reports that last year eighty-five thousand tons of commercial fertilizers were sold in North Carolina. The average price was \$30 per ton, making a total paid out of \$2,550,000. The estimate of the amount paid year before last was \$2,000,000. The State chemist reported public taxes to-day—Cobb, of Macon, \$2,000; Turner, of Hyde, \$3,000; Sudderth, of Cherokee, \$2,300.

The prospect now is that Jones, the Craven-county wife-murderer, will succeed as a panhandler in the horrible case of Governor Seale's wife, with his usual desire to be very careful and to temper justice with mercy, has given the commissioners of the county (who ask for commutation on the ground that Jones is a panhandler) only one opportunity to show that commutation is proper. They claim that the medical experts did not mean that Jones was legally responsible. But yet the experts said so.

The Durham Savings Bank has begun business. It has a capital of \$100,000. It will do a general banking business. Durham's banking facilities are now excellent.

There are rumors that an extensive movement is on foot in favor of securing the nomination of Lincoln for Governor on the part of the Democrats. Major Steadman's friends in the Shelby section, and in fact all along the line of the Carolina Central railroad, are said to be actively at work. There are thousands and one signs of a movement in this direction. Frequently the expression is heard that the political depression last year will be fully balanced by the turmoil of the present one. After the middle of April all the talk will be of a new election. Even now there is pulling going on than has been seen in years. It is said that Senator Ransom and his friends have done such earnest work to make his position secure that it is unwise to attempt to get the position of senator.

The majority of the sheriffs have made either full or partial settlements of taxes with the State Treasurer. Their promptness is very gratifying. The Board of Trustees of Wake-Forest College met yesterday afternoon. Charles M. Cooke presiding, to make arrangements for filling the chair of chemistry made vacant by the death of Dr. James A. Duggan.

The Noebner quail-eater yesterday finished, without the least discomfort, the task of eating thirty birds in many days.

Mr. L. F. Koonce, for several years the clerk of Jones Superior Court, died in the insane asylum here a day or two ago. He became insane about three years since. He was an excellent man and faithful officer.

Arrangements are being made for the establishment of an industrial school at Wilmington.

In six months Charlotte expects to have five cotton-factories in operation. In half an hour day before yesterday \$85,000 was subscribed for a factory. Two more factories are under way.

The now famous Giesch beer and wine case, which caused so much trouble and wrangling, has at last gone to the eyes. In the Supreme Court here day before yesterday Giesch pleaded guilty and was let off with costs in each of four cases. That ends the matter. Raleigh will be very dry until June 1, 1889, certainly. The prohibitory law is enforced here than ever, it is claimed.

The mayor is not a Prohibitionist, but carries out the law to the letter and spirit. One violator was on Tuesday given a whole year in cumulative sentences.

North Carolina is still "to the fore." At marriage in Wayne county yesterday Mr. Needham Smith, eighty years of age, was best man. He served through the Mexican war and the late war.

Four negro men charged with the murder of the peddler, E. Dorman, who is held at Hendersonville under sentence of death, are making desperate attempts to escape. He saw his chains in some mysterious way. He is now very closely guarded.

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